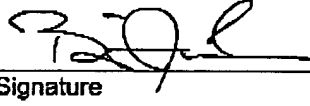
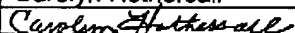


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CLAIMS FEES								
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF APRIL 26, 2005

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 8, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 9.